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# Commentary

## Appreciate the sacrifice

Col. Barry Kistler  
90th Space Wing vice commander

Remember the days of snow, wind and cold weather? That was only two weeks ago. This weekend we start summer. The weather has turned warm, the wind has slowed down, the grass is green, the flowers are blooming, and trees have suddenly filled with leaves. We are out walking, playing, cutting grass, and barbequing. But is that the real focus of Monday, May 30th, our national holiday of Memorial Day? It shouldn't be.

Memorial Day is set aside to honor those Americans who gave their lives for our country. The holiday was first celebrated in New York in 1866. In 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed May 30 as Decoration Day by General Order. In 1971, the federal government designated the last Monday in May as Memorial Day.

Since 1775 when the first American Soldiers took up arms to fight for our independence, more than a million American servicemembers have died in wars and conflicts to preserve the freedoms we hold so dear. Behind every decorated grave of a fallen Airman, Soldier, Sailor, Marine, and Coast Guardsman is a story of grief that came to a spouse, a mother, a father, a child, a family or a town.

This Memorial Day we are not here to mourn our fallen loved ones, but to celebrate them and their sacrifices. Their willingness to put service before self has protected the freedom we enjoy. From the Revolutionary War here, to today's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, our military members are fighting and dying for the

freedom of our people as well as for those on foreign soil. Our military men and women have always defend America with courage and honor, and will continue to do so. They signed up to fight and to protect our country, so America would always be the great place that it is. They did what they had to, never asking for recognition or fanfare. We've lost precious lives bringing stability to regions of the world suffering from oppression, while bringing in lasting security, enabling reconstruction and prevention of the reemergence of international terrorist organizations.

We can never repay those who we have lost in conflict, but we can say thank you and honor and respect them for their service.

So, this Memorial Day, as we are enjoying the day and making plans for the summer, please take a moment to remember and honor the brave men and women who scarified their lives to preserve our American way of life, our freedom to live, to work, and to raise our families. We may never fully appreciate all the sacrifices made for us, but let us take Memorial Day to honor those who made them.



## Hoops Shots

I was very honored several weeks ago to present an Air Medal to **Maj. Darren Easton**, commander of our mighty helicopter flight. This was a first for me. Missiliers don't often get to present air medals. In fact, this was the very first real one I'd ever seen. It's a beautiful medal – elegant and dramatic at the same time. As I get closer to my own retirement, medals take on a different meaning for me. I think sometimes we get a little too casual about earning medals. We've been to so many ceremonies for ourselves and others that we might forget their significance. I can tell you that as I review my own career, each medal has deep personal meaning – more so now than when I earned them. In Major Easton's case that has to be true tenfold. Most medals cover an assignment but his Air Medal covers one memorable event where quick thinking combined with incredible skills aboard his UH-1H. That one medal equates to one helicopter undamaged, nine lives saved and the validation of years of training and readiness. It recognizes not only his remarkable airmanship at that moment of crisis but also a long line of trainers, evaluators, mentors, peers, supervisors and more that brought him to that level of proficiency. Pretty impressive and such a small token of admiration and thanks.

Since this was my first Air Medal ceremony I did some research and was surprised to discover that this was only the second medal designed specifically for aviation – the other being the Distinguished Flying Cross. What struck me most, however, was the timing – this medal was born at the beginning of World War II. Within months of the Pearl Harbor attack, the secretary of war requested approval for a new medal – the Air Medal. Imagine that. The war is really just beginning. The entire nation is focused on a global conflict where our very freedom is at stake. It's a long, long way to the victories of 1944 and 1945. We're scrambling to find troops, train pilots, build weapons, etc. And in the midst of all this, the leadership takes time to think about a medal. Not as much for anything that had

happened already – the DFC was available – but rather for actions yet to occur.

Well this experience has taught me a few lessons. First, there's always time for praise and recognition. If the most senior leaders of our military at a time of intense national crisis can find a moment to think about a new medal, then what's our excuse for not taking some time to recognize excellence? Of course, it doesn't have to be anything as grand as a new medal or a big award. A simple thank you, a note of appreciation, a public salute, a coin, even a comment in the paper works wonders. We should never pass up a chance to pat our people on the back. Second, don't take your own recognition or medal for granted. You earned them. Like Major Easton's Air Medal, they represent something that you did that made a difference. At the very least, they represent the many people in your life who made that achievement possible. For example, even though basically everyone on crew got them, I'm proud of my Combat Readiness Medal. It represents a time in my career where I maintained the high standards and readiness of a missilier. Likewise, I'm proud of my National Defense Service Medal and my Global War on Terrorism Support Medal. Sure, everyone during that timeframe earned these medals, but they represent a significant national struggle and our willingness to serve as needed at the time. These and all my medals carry great meaning to me.

As we celebrate Memorial Day, I hope you'll honor the service of those who came before and those who are serving now. Thank them for their sacrifice. Be proud of your own, too. Maybe look back on your career to date – perhaps through your own ribbons and medals. Each tells a great story about who you are, what you've done, who has influenced you and what impact you've had.

Since this is also the traditional kickoff to summer, please be keep yourselves and your families safe. We need each of you back after the long weekend with your health and your honor intact.

-- Col. Hoops

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# Commentary

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## Time to remember Memorial Day message from General Lord

**General Lance W. Lord**  
*Air Force Space Command  
commander*

**PETERSON AFB, Colo.** – It is possibly the most moving national holiday we observe – Memorial Day. At home or abroad, American servicemen and women have a proud history of defending our nation. From the days of the American Revolution to our

current war in Iraq, many have given their lives to ensure future generations can live in freedom. Today, many still serve to defend the values America holds dear.

This coming Monday, please join Beccy and I as we pay tribute to those heroes and heroines who have died in service to our nation. Whether it's a public wreath-laying ceremony or short, private prayer, these defenders

of freedom and democracy deserve to be remembered. Their ultimate sacrifice lends strength to our conviction for the Global War on Terror in which we are now engaged.

We ask that you keep your comrades in arms in mind. Take time to remember those who are away from their families and those who lost their lives during Operation Iraqi Freedom and

Operation Enduring Freedom. Through the deterrent power of ICBMs, the capabilities of our satellites and the hard work you contribute each day to support those deployed, the battlefield is a safer place for our people. Beccy and I are proud of the sacrifices you make every day to keep America safe.

May God bless you and your families.

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# Battlebots: Air Force Research Lab gives new meaning to term

**1st Lt. Darrick Lee**  
*Public affairs*

An unidentified man walks toward a security forces vehicle aboard a military base. A loud, firm voice warns the man to 'halt and be identified.' The man doesn't comply, and continues to advance toward the vehicle. The vehicle backs up cautiously while flashing its red and blue lights to make sure the man knows he's dealing with security forces.

The man still aggressively moves toward the vehicle.

Suddenly, a blast of pepper spray hits the man. He falls to the ground, and security forces moves closer to keep the suspect under watchful eye ... until the humans can come apprehend him.

This was the scenario at Warren, when the Air Force Research Laboratory unveiled the Remote, Detection, Challenge and Response System Saturday. (The pepper spray was simulated.) AFRL, headquartered at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, visited the base to demonstrate how unmanned systems might conduct security forces missions. Several

of Wyoming's senior military and political leaders attended, including Wyoming Sen. Craig Thomas.

The REDCAR experiment was the first to integrate robotics into the day-to-day security forces mission on any Air Force installation, according to Kevin Hodges, the Robotics Program manager for AFRL. The demo signaled the end of an experiment conducted by the AFRL at Warren that began May 9.

Two primary unmanned vehicles were displayed Saturday. One appeared to be a turbo-charged all-terrain vehicle; the other resembled a miniature tank. They were fully loaded with cameras and sensors, as well as unique robotic equipment needed make them function without a human nearby. Both were designed to save lives by interdicting adversaries and conducting surveillance, according to the AFRL.

Much like other unmanned vehicles, humans control the robots from remote locations. In an effort to gather accurate security forces mission data, Airman 1st Class Tristan White, a member of the 90th Security



Photo by 1st Lt. Darrick Lee

**Airman 1st Class Tristan White, 90th Security Forces Squadron, explains the REDCAR system to Wyoming Sen. Craig Thomas here May 21. Senator Thomas supports AFRL and the REDCAR program.**

Force Squadron, was trained by the AFRL to operate the robots.

AFRL envisions that these types of robots may provide perimeter defense for Air Force bases and forward deployed units. Data gathered from the experiment at Warren may be used to make that vision a reality in the future.

In a time when the Air Force is reducing its force,

some wonder if these robots will take the place of human troops in the future. "These systems are not intended to replace human interaction," said Mr. Hodges. They remain under human control at all times, and are designed to help our Airmen by keeping them out of harm's way. Our focus is saving lives."

Hodges stresses that the robots provide an advantage

for security forces by providing safe surveillance and forward presence, without risking injury or loss of life.

The mission of the AFRL is to lead the discovery, development, and integration of affordable war fighting technologies for air and space forces, according to their website.

To learn more about the AFRL, visit [www.afrl.af.mil](http://www.afrl.af.mil).

## Community, base prepare for Memorial Day events

### THE CIVILIAN PAVILION

**Matt Cox**  
*Visual information*

Memorial Day weekend is here and many people will be enjoying the three- or four-day break by getting together with friends and family; some leaving town, heading for area lakes to blow the cobwebs off the jet skis and speedboats for the first time this year.

Others will be taking the long weekend to catch up on belated spring cleaning or taking advantage of the great weather by firing up the bar-

becue.

But sometimes the true message of this holiday gets lost in the waves at the lake or the smoke of the grill.

Monday is officially Memorial Day and Cheyenne's fourth annual Memorial Day parade in downtown Cheyenne. The parade is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter 1881 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 849.

Bill Tallerdy, parade chairman and Vietnam veteran, would like to invite the public to come experience the real significance of Memorial Day: remembering the soldiers who fought in the past and recognizing those who are fighting

now.

"Five years ago I was at the Memorial Day services at Beth Ell cemetery here and I overheard a girl about 12- or 13-years-old tell her mother something like 'I never knew that's what this holiday was about; I just thought it was a long weekend,'" said Mr. Tallerdy.

"That amazed me, so that day I made a vow to bring the Memorial Day parade back to Cheyenne."

It's fast becoming a May tradition in the Capitol city.

This year's parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the corner of 24th Street and Capitol Avenue and will proceed to 17th

Street and Carey Avenue.

The approximately hour-and-a-half procession will wrap up on 24th Street and Carey Avenue.

Participants need to be at the corner of 24th Street and Capitol Avenue at 8 a.m.

Prior to Mr. Tallerdy and his handful of assistants resurrecting the event in 2002, Cheyenne hadn't seen a Memorial Day parade since 1968. The situation in Vietnam and at home in the late 60s and 70s made it difficult to organize the event, according to Mr. Tallerdy.

But after serving 16 years in the Montana and North Dakota National Guard and

being a war veteran himself, wounded in the central highlands of Vietnam while serving a two-year tour with the United States Army 1st Air Cavalry unit, he wasn't about to let the true meaning of the holiday ever get lost in a four-day vacation again.

Mr. Tallerdy said he understands how time and distance can make conflicts such as Vietnam and World Wars I and II seem only relevant in history class for today's youth, but he also understands how the toll of today's battles in Afghanistan and Iraq have brought that history roaring back for today's kids.

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## Briefs

### Commander's Call

Col. Evan Hoapili, 90th Space Wing commander, will hold his final commander calls 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday; and 9 to 11 a.m., Thursday. Maximum participation is requested.

All personnel should be in their seats no later than 10 minutes prior to start time.

### 485th Tactical Missile Wing reunion announcement

The 485th Tactical Missile Wing Alumni Association announces its annual reunion to be held in Cheyenne, Wyo., Thursday to June 5. Activities will include tours of the local community and Warren, time for local sight seeing, a banquet at the Trail's End Club and several social times.

For additional information go to <http://www.stdcomp.com/485tmw> or contact Col. (ret) Dan Clark at [dclark485@state.wy.us](mailto:dclark485@state.wy.us) or Chief Frenchy Norman at [david.norman@warren.af.mil](mailto:david.norman@warren.af.mil) or (307) 773-5414.

### Chiefs and Sergeant Majors Golf Tournament

The 2005 Chiefs and Sergeant Majors Annual Veteran's Association Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 3.

Sign in for the tournament starts at 7 a.m. with the shotgun start at 8 a.m. All fees include green fees, carts and tournament entry. The fees are: E1 through E4, \$30; E5 and above, \$35; civilian guest, \$38; and members, \$21. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Cheyenne VA Hospital and Cheyenne-area enlisted members.

For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Frank Gilbert at 773-4603 or via e-mail, [frank.gilbert@warren.af.mil](mailto:frank.gilbert@warren.af.mil).

### Blood pressure screening

Come to the Health and Wellness Center Tuesday for a free blood pressure screening and preventative information walk-in between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information, call 773-4292.

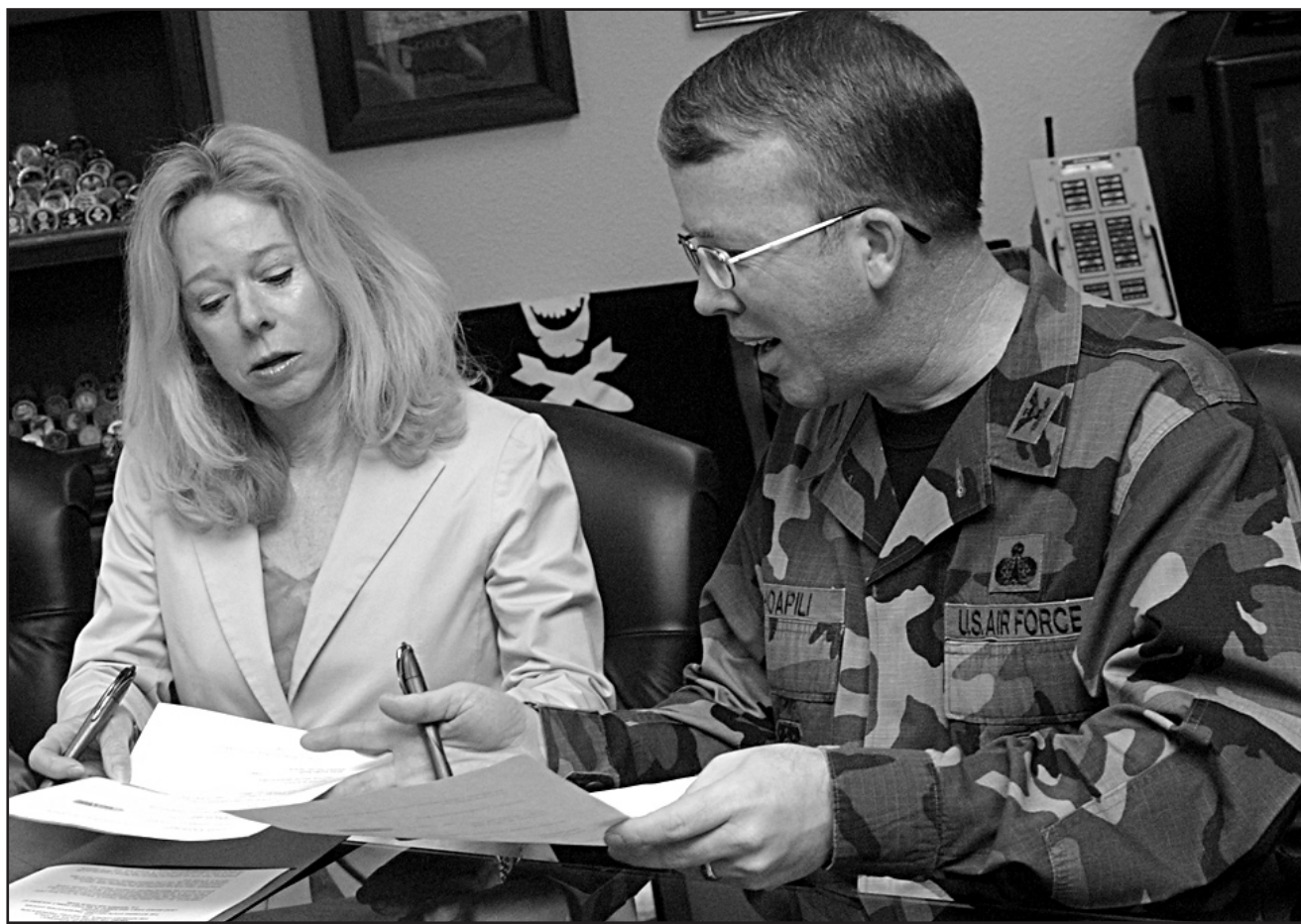


Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

## PRESERVING HISTORY ...

Col. Evan Hoapili, 90th Space Wing commander, signs the Memorandum of Agreement with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation that specifies how the base will abate the lead based paint in the historic military family housing on Warren. The agreement preserves the buildings which have been designated National Historic Landmarks.

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"It's important for everyone, especially our children, to understand what these men have sacrificed for their country," Mr. Tallerdy said. "Freedom isn't free."

That's why he feels so strongly about orchestrating a great event like the parade for the Cheyenne community.

"Since our first parade four years ago it just keeps getting better every year," he said.

"We expect around four thousand people to attend on Monday."

This year Mr. Tallerdy and Phil Harris of the VFW and VVA, Mr. Tallerdy's "right-hand man" and parade public relations coordinator, have booked an impressive lineup.

The 67th Army Band from Wheatland will perform for the first time this year, and a flyover from the 1022nd

Wyoming Army Guard EVAC crew is in the works.

Mr. Tallerdy expects about 20 floats from various civic, military and business groups to participate. Crowd favorites such as Hands in Harmony, the Boy Scouts of America, the Cheyenne Gun Slingers, local motorcycle and car clubs and representatives from all branches of the military will be involved.

He said he expects great representation from Warren Air Force Base.

"In the past, the 90th Security Forces Squadron has come out with some of its equipment to show off."

He said there is still time to register a float for the parade: "People can give me a call before or they can just show up to the parade at 8 a.m. to register. We'll find them a spot."

New this year will be an open invitation for all Cheyenne youth – elementary through high school – to decorate their bikes and ride in the parade. Awards will be given in two categories, most patriotic dress and decoration. "We really want kids to come out and be involved," said Mr. Tallerdy. "When the kids come, the parents come."

Following the parade at noon will be the annual Memorial Day service at Beth Ell cemetery on Pershing Avenue.

"We just want people to come out and celebrate freedom and remember those who have fought so hard to protect it," said Mr. Tallerdy.

For more information on the Memorial Day parade and service call Bill Tallerdy at 221-0237.



## Construction Corner

**Utility outage:** Utility outage/Restricted access will take place on 10th Cav from Old Glory to South Fort Steele Rd. Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Facilities affected: Buildings 308, 330, 332, 333, 335, 336, 340, & 341. The outage will raise the elevation of the terminal cabinets positioned to the north of buildings 332, 335, and 341. During this outage, the affected buildings will be provided electrical power by generators. Computers and other sensitive equipment should be shut down until the generator is up and running again when the primary power is restored. For more information please contact Mr. Furrey at 773-3539.

**Holiday trash schedule for all MCP/Capehart MFH housing area:** Regularly scheduled trash pick-up scheduled on Monday, will be picked up on Thursday. All other Base dumpster pick-ups that are missed due to the Holiday will be made on 31 May 05. For more information, contact Paolo Ornaez at 773-6101.

**Flag pole construction update:** The full-depth asphalt replacement around the flag pole is still in progress. The project is expected to be completed in early July.





Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

## KEEPIN' IT CLEAN ...

Staff Sgt. Michael Brown, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron, gets his 1970 Chevy Nova SS ready for the Asian Pacific Heritage Month food sampling car show Friday at the 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron High Bay. The food sampling featured Chinese, Japanese and Korean cuisine, as well as performances by ethnic dancers.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Connor Elayan

## GARAGE SALE?

90th Space Wing Pamphlet 32-12, Family Housing "We Care" (provided to every member who signs for a house on base.)

"7.1.1 -- Lawn and Garage Sales: Use the Sentinel newspaper to advertise your sale. Do not post signs anywhere on base except one sign in your yard. Please make sure your neighbor's parking areas and driveways are not blocked."

## Kickback Summer

Kickback Summer, a 90th Services Squadron game, kicks off Wednesday with monthly drawings and culminates during the base picnic Aug. 26 with a Warren member winning a trip for two to Mexico or Las Vegas.

The object of the game is to complete as many game cards as possible during the promotion. Players receive stamps on their game cards at Kickback Summer activities throughout the season.

A complete list will be available at [www.90svs.com](http://www.90svs.com) and in a guide that can be picked up with a card at any participating services facility starting June 1.

Monthly drawings will be held June 30, July 28 and Aug. 26 where

participants will have the opportunity to win T-shirts, services gift certificates, iPods, personal DVD players, X-boxes and a portable PlayStation. Winners need not be present to win.

Minors winning prizes must have parent or legal guardian present to receive a prize.

Kickback Summer prizes are all just for Warren players. Eligible players are all active duty members, DoD civilians, military retirees, guard and reserve. Full-time contractors assigned to Warren may play, however their family members are not eligible.

For more information, contact 90 SVS Marketing at 773-2858.





# AFSPC hosts Art and History Day

**Catherine Jung**  
AFSPC Public Affairs

**PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.**  
— The command history office unveiled 20 original pieces of space art at Air Force Space Command Art and History Day here, May 17.

The paintings were on display in the west atrium of the AFSPC headquarters building through May 19 to show how the command's history is being preserved through art. During the last several years, AFSPC has partnered with the Air Force Art Program to create original artwork capturing scientists, engineers, contractors, government officials and Airmen developing and operating command missile and satellite systems.

In February, AFSPC commander General Lance W. Lord approached command historian Skip Bradley about hosting an Art and History Day to highlight the new space art and reinforce pride in the



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ken Bergmann

A visitor admires "Fabric of the High Frontier" by artist Norman Siegel at AFSPC Art and History Day exhibit.

command's mission.

"The [art] show took six weeks to coordinate," said Mr. Bradley. "The Pentagon sent 31 space paintings, and we selected 20 for display."

All of the artwork is

produced by Air Force Art Program volunteer artists, including Capt. Warren Neary, the chief of public affairs at Warren, whose painting "Mission Complete" is featured in the exhibit.

"My dad used to be a missile launch officer at Malmstrom AFB, [Mont.], so he had some influence on me," said Captain Neary. "I've got drawings of missiles I did when I was 6 or 7 years old."

The captain learned of the Air Force Art program while a second lieutenant at Whiteman AFB, Mo.

"Someone told me I'd never be accepted into the program because I was not a professional painter. That comment only made me more determined to get in."

Captain Neary completed the painting "Whiteman's Legacy," depicting

all the aircraft assigned to Whiteman, and submitted it for review.

"I was ecstatic to later find out my work was accepted into the program," the captain said.

"Mission Complete" is the third piece Captain Neary has put together for a permanent military collection. His second painting, "Faces of Freedom," was accepted into the Army Center for Military History in Washington D.C. However, having his work featured as part of the AFSPC Art and History Day exhibit has fulfilled a dream for the captain.

"It's a real privilege to have my artwork accepted for display at AFSPC Art and History Day," said Captain Neary. "It's been a goal of mine to get in [such a show] ever since I found out about the program, especially after being told only 'real artists'

get accepted. Many of the artists I've admired over the years have work in the collection, so it's a real honor to have my work displayed in the same exhibit."

According to Scott Wirz, AFSPC Museum and Art Program manager, space is a relatively new subject for Air Force Space Program artists. Most Air Force art depicts airplanes, although the Air Force space program has been in existence for more than five decades.

"In 1994, the Air Force history office took over the art program, and they noticed the lack of space art," said Mr. Wirz. "So they started scheduling annual artist trips to AFSPC installations. As a result, the amount of Air Force space art has increased by 300 percent in the last decade."

Mr. Wirz has accompanied artists to Cape Canaveral AFS, Fla.; Thule Air Station, Greenland; Warren and installations throughout Colorado.

When asked about artists producing duplicate work, Mr. Wirz said, "During the 2004 trip, seven artists toured Cheyenne Mountain, [Colo.], Schriever AFB, [Colo.] and Warren. All of the artists saw the same facilities, yet each was inspired to capture different aspects of the mission."

The artists from that trip have produced seven paintings to date, and more are expected — four of the pieces were featured in the AFSPC Art and History Day display.



Scott Wirz, Air Force Space Command Museum and Art Program manager, discusses a painting with General Lance W. Lord, Air Force Space Command commander and Skip Bradley, command historian.





# Log in to electronic Warfit program

**1st Lt. Hershey Langston**  
90th Communications Squadron

Throw away that squadron exercise log and check out Warfit. What is warfit? It's a web-based fitness tracking system based out of Peterson AFB; <https://midway.peterson.af.mil/warfit/> is the web address. The 90th Communications Squadron and Services have teamed up to provide computers at both Freedom Hall and the 24-hour Gym. You can access the site from any .mil computer, sorry no logging in at home.

Warfit has loads of great features for the average user. Not the least of which is the ability to see your points standing in your unit and the base. Additionally, you can view your units standing for the week, month and year; weekly standings are live updates, monthly are done each day, and yearly standings are updated once a week. Other great features

include entering and tracking Practice Fitness Assessment, viewing your exercise history and viewing a 6-week snapshot of your exercise activities by week. You can enter several exercise sessions on a single screen. The interface has a comprehensive list of exercises, a place to enter total calories burned and average/max heart rate. Warfit offers even more functionality for Unit Fitness Program Monitors and Physical Training Leaders.

In addition to the aforementioned, PTLs can schedule out group events weeks in advance. Unit personnel then sign up for events which they plan to attend. PTLs can print out attendance rosters to take to the events, then verify attendance in Warfit. UFPMs have the option to view a list of all user point for any given timeframe, list user activities and review aggregate Practice Fitness Assessment data by month to track squadron trends.



Photo by 1st Lt. Hershey Langston

Lt. Col Christopher Gentry, chief of safety, logs on to the warfit system at the 24-hour gym.

## Warren goes the extra mile at biathlon



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Steve Goetsch

Maj. William Lorey, 90th Contracting Squadron, is the first man to cross the finish line of the Armed Forces Day biathlon Saturday.

*Saturday morning, a dozen Warren members braved the heat and conquered the Armed Forces Day Biathlon sponsored by Warren Federal Credit Union. The winners were:*

### **Men**

Winner: Major William Lorey, 90th Contracting Squadron

Runner Up: Mike Smith

### **Women**

Winner: Jennifer McKay

Runner up: Lisa Davis





# Call of the wild: NCO's tale of springtime turkey hunting

**Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn**  
*Public affairs*

I knew he had to hear my heart beating. The cardiac-pounding in my throat made it difficult to breathe as I inched along the dirt bank and peered over the edge, searching the blow down and myriad standing pine trees for the fabled ghost I'd coined three days earlier, "Jasper." Momentarily, it would be over for both of us.

In a matter of seconds, which seemed like minutes, I spotted him sandwiched between two trees. The tell-tale twitch of his jerky head movement riveted my eyes, and I followed him as he seemed edgy for his life. Fifteen seconds later, he moved into a clearing less than 30 yards away, and lightening flew from my barrel and the sky harkened with thunder.

Then, all was quiet and memories flashed back to the first night of the hunt that started this chain of events.

Putting a wild Colorado Merriam turkey to bed sounded much like a tale of childhood cow tipping when Master Sgt. Scott Brisson of Moody AFB, Ga. suggested we head out an hour before dusk. Driving along timber-covered ravines, we let out a bone-chilling howl, best described as a coyote with his tail caught between a rock and a hammer, and wait for a reply.

The odd part was a turkey would give up his tactical, nocturnal roost by gobbling toward the verbal intrusion. Being the bird was socked in for the night, we had a place to set up in the morning to try our luck at bagging him.

At 4:30 a.m. there wasn't a lot of talk in the cabin. The four of us readied ourselves and were set to intercept well before the roosting bird woke to the morning and flew out of the trees.

We watched a couple of plastic turkey decoys 20 yards from our hiding spot beneath a 30-year-old pine tree. Scott broke the darkness of silence by scratching a wood peg against a circle of slate, which mimicked a seductive hen turkey purring a wake up call. The tom turkey immediately answered from his perch. He was close, so close it sent a chill up my spine wondering what I was going to do for the next three days after I bagged this easy bird the first hour of the hunt.

At 5:35 a.m. wing beats sounded as the tom flew down from his roost. Scott launched an audible series of yelps, purrs and clucks to the distant tom, which made the bird as fired up as a college kid during Spring Break.

Unfortunately, the tom had a date. A real hen was yelping from tom's direction. Scott couldn't convince him to leave his hen in the hand to find our bird in the bush. Eventually the tom lost interest, and so did we. The bird went unseen, so he was named Jasper, the friendly ghost.

For the next two days we hunted for a willing bird. It wasn't easy. We heard many tom turkeys in the thousands of acres we searched, but they weren't stupid. Other hunters had educated them on the false callings of lonely hens. The hunt became frustrating.

On the morning of the third day, Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster of Peterson AFB, Colo., and I struck out to find Jasper. We talked as much as we hunted. Sharing life's memories and future plans was as fulfilling as chasing birds.

Sounding out over a timbered hillside, we got a solid gobble to Ty's hen call. Setting up where we figured Jasper's next move would be, Ty started to call again. As a virgin turkey hunter, I'm not very good with a call.

In a matter of a dozen minutes the wily bird appeared, and he was searching for our sexy hen. The calling slowed to a stop. Within 15 yards of the hen decoy, Jasper apparently didn't see her and crept back down the hill. Irrespective of telepathy, no thoughts would turn him around.

The bird was frustrated, and so were we. Ty tried every call in his mind to sweet talk Jasper back up the hill to give the decoy one more fatal look. I lost patience.

I suggested hiking around the hill to stalk the bird. So a plan was formed and I skulked off to the west. Reaching the road and guided by Jasper's occasional gobble, I got into position to see him in the fallen timber. Jasper gobbled no more after my virgin over-under shotgun spoke once.

Jasper will live forever in my mind. He is my first turkey. The hunt for him was three days of arduous seeking and cajoling. For Ty, it was the first bird he'd called in to a



Photo by Steve Brisson

**Master Sgts. Jeff Bohn, Scott Brisson and Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster show off the prize of their turkey hunting excursion: the elusive Jasper, a male turkey.**



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ty Foster

**Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn, public affairs, enjoys the scenery before to going in for the kill.**

decoy.

Spending time in the remote San Juan Mountains with a few cherished friends will live forever in my mind. Even without a bird, the memories will be indelibly etched in my mind. Watching the sun rise on crisp spring mornings, and setting

on snow-crested mountains will surely warm my heart in the coldest of winters yet to come.

Turkey season is symbolic of spring, and now that it's concluded, the rise of summer is upon me. I've got many thanks to Jasper for this warm seasonal welcome.



# Warren IMA trains and repairs

## QUICK FACTS

**Full name:**  
Lisa Sanchez

**Squadron:**  
90 Civil Engineer  
Squadron

**Hometown:**  
Phoenix, Ariz.

**Fav. Food:**  
Italian

**Fav. movie:**  
"Christmas Vacation"

**Fav. book:**  
"God Calling"

**Life's motto:**  
Live life to the fullest



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

Lisa Sanchez, Warren firefighter and IMA from Luke AFB, Ariz., checks equipments May 16 at the fire station here.

### charities, right?

Yes, I do more so volunteer work.

### Which ones?

I do different ones, however I enjoy doing visits at the St. Joseph's Children's Home in Torrington, the Veteran's Administration and Squadron Children's holiday parties.

### Why do you do so much volunteer work?

I really enjoy spending time with children, talking to them and making them happy. I also have so much respect for the veterans and enjoy listening to their stories about their life and who they are as a person.

### What other activities do you participate in?

I enjoy working out, playing sports, fly fishing, hiking and camping.

### How did you become an IMA?

When I got off active duty, I wanted to continue my service so I joined the reserves with the fire department at Luke AFB, Ariz.

### What's the biggest difference between being an IMA and active duty?

I don't really travel much anymore and I get to spend more time with my family.

### What do you do in your job?

As a firefighter, we train and prepare for emergencies anywhere from medical, confined space rescue, hazardous material incidents, water rescue, car accidents, structural or aircraft fires.

### What's your favorite part?

I enjoy it all. That's the great part about my job, you never know what's to be expected.

### You're also involved with lots of different

*"She's one of the 'best of the best'.  
She is a major contributor."*

-- John McDougal, Warren fire chief



## Home run challenge

A home run challenge is scheduled for Saturday at base softball field #2. Hit the farthest and win. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Sign up at Freedom Hall.

For more information on this event, call 773-6172.

## Family Day at Chadwell Dining Facility

Every Sunday is Family Day at Chadwell Dining Facility.

All active duty members may bring their family members with military ID cards to dine at Chadwell, noon to 1 p.m. Also invited are family members of the deployed.

Family members of E1 to E4 active duty are welcome to accompany their sponsor to any and all Chadwell Dining Facility meal times.

## Car wash special

Tired of messing around with quarters when that car of yours needs to be washed? Call or stop by the auto skills center and purchase a pre-programmed

wash card.

For more information, call the auto skills center at 773-3869.

## Swim team looking for members

Warren Waves, the youth swim team is seeking members ages 17 and younger.

They meet Mondays through Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the aquatic center at 773-3195.

## Golf 4 Kids

Kids ages 8 to 13 are invited to learn to play golf June 6 to 9, 27 to 30 and July 11 to 14.

Participants will receive a Golf 4 Kids logo T-shirt, cap, golf towel, neon tee pack and bag tag, rules and etiquette brochures and a graduation certificate. Children graduating from the program will get a free set of top quality junior clubs to keep. The cost is \$99.

For more information, call 773-3556.

## Xtreme Bowling

Come to Warren Lanes

on Friday and Saturday nights and participate in Xtreme Bowling. Xtreme bowling includes music, laser lights, smoke machines, glow-in-the-dark shoes, pins and balls.

The cost is \$7.50 per lane/per hour. Bowl Fridays, 9:30 to 11 p.m. and Saturdays, 7 to 11 p.m.

## Give Parents a Break program

Give Parents a Break is a free child care program for active duty members with children ages 6 weeks to 11 years who are under unique stress. The program is available monthly on the first Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon and third Friday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

A referral must be requested from squadron commanders, first sergeants, chaplains, medical professionals, family advocacy, family support center or the child development center.

## Auto skills stalls

The auto skills center now offers reservations for a patron-use stall. The stall

can be reserved one business day prior at the standard rate of \$3 per hour.

One stall will be available for reservations will not include a lift.

Reserved stalls will be held until five minutes after the reserved time then released to waiting patrons.

All other stalls will continue to be offered on a first come first serve basis.

For more information, contact 773-3869.

## Photo studio

Make an appointment for a family portrait and receive a 15 percent discount on the framing of any portrait you have done.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 773-3754.

## Father's Day Sports Challenge

The Father's Day Sports Challenge is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon, June 19 at the all purpose field by Freedom Hall.

The challenge includes free throw contests, three-legged races and long ball

challenge. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners in each event.

Sign up at Freedom Hall or on the day of the event.

## Yard signs

Is someone you know having a birthday or enjoying a new bundle of joy? Help them celebrate with a yard sign.

The cost is \$5 per day or \$25 per week.

For more information, call the wood skills center at 773-3166.

## Essay contest

Club members, your essay could win you up to \$6,000 toward your college education.

To enter, write and submit an essay of 500 words or less on "My Hero, and Why."

For more details visit the club and pick up a brochure or visit [www-p.afsv.af.mil/clubs](http://www-p.afsv.af.mil/clubs). All participants must be club members.

Applications for the essay contest are available at the Trail's End Club.

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## Personnel Reliability Program is everyone's responsibility

**Question:** Who can suspend an individual from performing PRP duties?

**Answer:** The certifying official for the organization that the PRP individual is assigned to. This is the individual who is overall responsible for PRP in a squadron and the individual who certifies personnel for PRP duties.

Look for general knowledge questions and answers every week in the Sentinel, courtesy off the base PRP office.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tessa Cubbon

## EDUCATION IS PRICELESS

Congratulations to all the winners of Warren Spouse's Club scholarships. Many scholarships were awarded to military dependants and spouses who demonstrate academic excellence at a ceremony May 17 at the Trail's End Club.

## CONGRATULATIONS NCO ACADEMY GRADUATES CLASS 05-4

*The NCO Academy is one of the three phases of the Air Force Professional Military Education programs. This phase provides a comprehensive study of communications, Profession of Arms, and leadership to help prepare NCOs for increased leadership responsibilities.*

**Montague Alexander**

400th Missile Squadron

**William Bailey**

90th Operations Group

**Gary Graham**

90th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**Gary Hanway**

90th Security Forces Squadron

**Esterlene Jackson**

321st Missile Squadron

**Joel Lee**

90th Security Forces Squadron

**Lance Richter**

90th Missile Maintenance Squadron

**Christopher Skaurud**

319th Missile Squadron

**James Spino**

90th Missile Maintenance Squadron

**Ray Vassal**

90th Civil Engineer Squadron

## Warren Appreciation Day at the Cheyenne Grizzlies Baseball Game

**Who:** All DoD ID card holders

### Schedule of events:

6:55 p.m.: Warren Honor Guard posts Colors

6:58 p.m.: National Anthem by Tech. Sgt. Harry Morris

7:03 p.m.: Col. Evan Hoapili throws first pitch

7:05 p.m.: Game begins

**When:** 6:55 p.m., Park located at the corner of Windmill and Del Range (Park will open at 5:20 p.m.)

**Where:** Park on the corner of Windmill and Del Range

**Cost:** 50-percent discount for all DoD ID card holders

Adults, \$2.50

Children (6 and under), free

Children (7-14) and seniors (55 and up), \$1.50

*For more information, visit [www.cheyennegrizzlies.com](http://www.cheyennegrizzlies.com)*